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1. The replies filed on November 16, 2007 and August 6, 2007 are not fully responsive to the prior Office Actions on June 5, 2007 and October 16, 2007 because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

(a) It is unclear whether Applicants elects Group I or Group II for examination.

As noted, in the first reply filed on August 6, 2007, Applicants stated: "*In response, Applicants elect Group I corresponding to claims 1-11 for prosecution with traverse*" (emphasis added). However, in the second reply filed on November 16, 2007, Applicant stated: "*In response, Applicants elect Group II, and specifically the species illustrated in Figure 3 and corresponding to claims 12-24 for prosecution with traverse*" (emphasis added).

It is unclear whether the second election of Group II on October 16, 2007 supersedes the first election of Group I on June 5, 2007 or not. If the second election supersedes the first election, Applicants are respectfully suggested to confirm this fact so that the prosecution history of this application is clear and/or unambiguous as to which Group and species have been positively elected for examination. See 37 CFR 1.111.

Assuming *arguendo* that Applicants reaffirm that Applicants elect Group I, Applicants are required to identify: (i) the species that is elected in consonant with the requirement on page 5 of the restriction on June 5, 2007; and (ii) which claims among Claims 1-11 that are read on the elected species. See Office correspondence on October 16, 2007; and

(b) Applicants have not submitted new corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) and/or 1.84 required in the Office correspondence on June 5, 2007 and October 16, 2007.

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Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsman outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. *The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.* Please see 37 CFR 1.121(d).

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).


2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vinh T. Luong whose telephone number is 571-272-7109. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Ridley can be reached on 571-272-6917. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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